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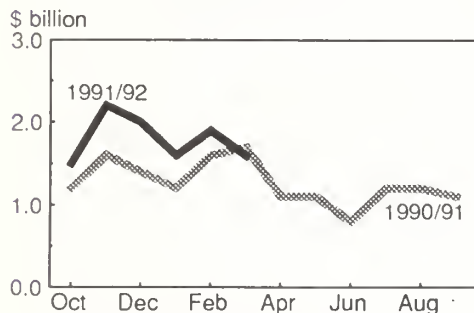


# U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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## Trade Surplus



**March's Agricultural Trade Surplus Drops--**The U.S. agricultural trade surplus fell more than \$300 million in March. Exports fell \$111 million and imports rose \$227 million. As a result, the trade surplus fell 18 percent to \$1.6 billion. With half of fiscal 1992 completed, the trade surplus stood at \$10.7 billion. Although this cumulative surplus was \$2 billion higher than in 1991, it was only slightly above fiscal 1990's \$10.3 billion.

**Exports Fall Slightly--**The value of U.S. agricultural exports fell slightly in March as soybeans, wheat, corn, and soybean meal fell. Cotton, rice, meat, and horticultural product exports rose slightly. At \$3.7 billion, March exports were only 3 percent below February. However, compared with 12 months earlier, exports were slightly higher. March 1992 export value was \$77 million above March 1991.

Cumulatively, exports reached a near-record \$22.5 billion during the first half of fiscal 1992. October-March exports were \$2 billion above year-earlier levels, and the highest since 1981's record \$24 billion. October-March wheat exports rose the most compared with 1991, climbing more than \$900 million. Soybean exports rose \$690 million and horticultural exports rose \$430 million. Exports of corn and cotton fell.

**Soybean exports** fell 30 percent, to \$390 million, in March. The \$164 million decline prevented soybeans from being the largest single agricultural export for the first time in 5 months. Exports dropped seasonally as U.S. supplies shrank and overseas buyers began concentrating on Southern Hemisphere producers. However, exports nearly matched year-ago levels in March 1991.

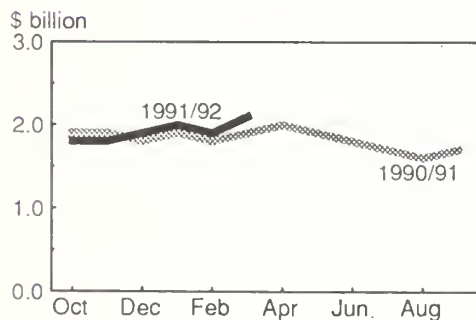
At \$393 million, **corn** became the largest U.S. agricultural export in March. Corn exports slipped \$33 million, to \$393 million, as export volume fell slightly. Shipments to the former Soviet Union fell 400,000 tons. Exports were higher to the European Community and Mexico. Japan remained the largest market for U.S. corn in March, with shipments totaling 1 million tons.

**Wheat exports** fell \$34 million in March as a 300,000 ton loss in export volume more than offset higher prices. Rising domestic U.S. wheat prices in the months preceding March drove the per ton value of U.S. wheat exports to its highest since August 1990. However, export volume was 11 percent lower compared with February at 2.8 million tons. Shipments to the former Soviet Union fell 140,000 tons, but it remained the largest customer in March. Shipments were also lower to Pakistan and China.

**U.S. cotton exports** were higher in March as increased volume more than offset a decline in prices. Cotton export value rose \$24 million to \$263 million. Export volume rose 5 percent between February and March, but March 1992 volume was 32 percent below March 1991's. Monthly export volumes have been below year earlier levels virtually every month of fiscal 1992 as overseas buyers delayed purchases in anticipation of lower prices.

**Imports Near Record--**Imports rose as coffee, meat, and fruit and vegetable imports rose seasonally. Import value rose 12 percent to \$2.1 billion, the second highest monthly import value ever. March is typically the highest month of the year for imports, and, in addition, the first half of fiscal 1992 has seen the highest October-March imports of any fiscal year. October-March imports were \$460 million higher in 1992 than during the same period one year earlier.

## Imports



**Exported Share of Agricultural Production Declining--**The exported share of U.S. production fell to an estimated 16 percent in fiscal 1991 (table 4). This was the second consecutive decline for export's share of production, and, for the second consecutive year, falling bulk exports were the cause. For high-value products (HVP), the exported share of production in 1991 again rose to a record high. While the exported share of bulk products fell from 37 percent to 32 percent, the share for HVP rose from 8.6 percent to 9.2 percent.

Table 1--U.S. agricultural exports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity group and unit	October-March				March			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1990/91	1991/92	1990/91	1991/92	1991	1992	1991	1992
Total agricultural exports (NA)	--	--	20,097,437	22,592,865	--	--	3,636,041	3,739,351
Animals and animal products (NA)	--	--	3,431,974	3,875,960	--	--	551,041	662,162
Animals live - excl. poultry (NO)	--	--	305,784	348,756	--	--	31,044	33,928
Cattle and calves - live (NO)	84	193	58,530	113,954	19	31	11,552	18,098
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	39	43	216,089	195,134	7	7	13,503	8,951
Swine - live (NO)	71	127	9,212	12,373	14	11	1,738	1,951
Sheep and lambs (NO)	298	434	9,813	12,716	53	66	1,841	2,260
Other live animals (NA)	--	--	12,141	14,580	--	--	2,409	2,667
Meats & meat prods, excl poultry (MT)	466	547	1,407,497	1,571,374	78	90	223,906	267,775
Beef and veal (MT)	188	219	879,886	945,934	30	35	137,619	161,759
Beef - veal - fresh or frozen (MT)	183	214	863,917	924,575	29	34	135,602	157,838
Beef - prepared or preserved (MT)	4	6	15,969	21,359	1	1	2,017	3,920
Horsemeat-fresh, chill., frozen (MT)	30	23	85,376	70,177	5	3	13,712	10,371
Lamb, mutton, goat, f.c.f. (NA)	2	2	5,768	6,439	0	0	945	1,062
Pork (MT)	45	62	169,199	202,984	6	11	24,526	38,239
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	36	52	146,298	176,915	5	9	20,653	34,075
Pork - prepared or preserved (MT)	9	10	22,901	26,069	1	2	3,873	4,164
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	144	162	216,100	281,436	25	26	38,508	45,876
Other meats - fresh or prep (MT)	58	79	51,168	64,404	11	14	8,596	10,468
Poultry and poultry products (NA)	--	--	493,135	616,049	--	--	90,947	106,528
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	49,880	60,266	--	--	9,375	13,620
Baby chicks (NO)	24,137	22,926	43,568	48,591	4,046	4,793	8,483	11,408
Other live poultry (NA)	--	--	6,312	11,675	--	--	892	2,212
Poultry meats (MT)	332	400	368,227	469,116	61	69	69,316	77,535
Chicken - fresh or frozen (MT)	291	339	293,624	355,282	56	57	58,251	57,649
Turkeys - fresh or frozen (MT)	16	34	24,038	52,679	2	6	2,953	10,020
Other poultry - fresh or froz (MT)	8	8	9,265	7,714	1	1	1,622	1,143
Poultry meats - prep or pres (MT)	18	20	41,300	53,441	2	3	6,490	8,723
Feathers and downs, crude (MT)	1	1	10,837	12,006	0	0	2,248	3,053
Eggs and products (NA)	--	--	64,190	74,660	--	--	10,009	12,320
Dairy products (MT)	--	--	115,429	292,735	--	--	21,834	59,985
Evaporated & condensed milk (MT)	1	2	1,265	1,613	0	1	273	418
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	3	76	4,315	117,191	1	19	1,167	30,103
Butter & anhydrous milkfat (MT)	5	15	7,543	20,383	1	1	1,593	1,438
Cheese (MT)	6	7	17,811	21,006	1	1	2,287	3,331
Whey, fluid or dried (MT)	--	--	27,677	27,925	--	--	4,610	3,936
Other dairy products (MT)	--	--	56,818	104,617	--	--	11,903	20,758
Fats, oils, and greases (MT)	527	671	193,056	238,269	105	133	38,516	45,443
Lard (MT)	29	35	13,882	15,632	4	5	2,120	2,033
Tallow - inedible (MT)	398	475	134,382	153,952	80	106	27,703	33,023
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	100	161	44,792	68,685	21	23	8,693	10,387
Hides and skins, including furs (NA)	--	--	774,259	665,500	--	--	124,142	125,413
Bovine hides - whole (NO)	11,388	10,118	644,296	535,798	1,825	1,785	98,951	98,550
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	--	--	9,810	8,980	--	--	1,185	743
Calf skins, whole (PC)	627	881	8,216	14,614	130	177	1,971	3,034
Horse hides, whole (PC)	454	156	14,473	4,230	114	24	2,884	799
Sheep and lamb skins (PC)	1,916	2,596	12,104	17,855	464	526	3,054	3,871
Other hides & skins, ex furs (NA)	--	--	41,548	29,894	--	--	6,336	4,588
Furskins (NA)	--	--	43,812	54,129	--	--	9,761	13,828
Mink pelts (NO)	1,791	1,872	28,368	28,922	328	612	5,078	6,581
Other furskins (NA)	--	--	15,443	25,206	--	--	4,683	7,248
Wool and mohair (MT)	3	3	9,434	11,557	0	0	1,472	1,273
Sausage casings (MT)	9	9	17,389	19,138	1	1	2,475	2,697
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	23,482	21,179	--	--	2,987	4,898
Misc animal prods - other (MT)	--	--	92,510	91,403	--	--	13,717	14,223
Grains and feeds (MT)	49,717	53,063	6,288,226	7,120,876	10,135	8,254	1,238,514	1,186,930
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	13,277	19,668	1,394,900	2,305,647	3,070	2,804	288,911	363,292
Wheat flour (MT)	471	381	88,377	74,919	124	91	21,149	19,098
Bulgur wheat (MT)	7	6	2,204	1,131	1	1	1,234	340
Other wheat products (MT)	14	19	14,969	18,266	3	4	2,732	3,451
Rice-paddy, milled, parboiled (MT)	1,424	1,191	416,259	398,533	200	204	64,042	71,308
Feed grains and products (MT)	28,247	25,230	3,084,970	2,892,497	5,686	4,084	637,969	490,388
Feed grains (MT)	27,959	25,028	3,013,716	2,833,876	5,601	4,046	619,632	479,510
Barley (MT)	970	1,183	96,725	118,696	60	37	5,710	4,087
Corn (MT)	23,706	19,494	2,568,027	2,224,530	4,783	3,151	529,831	374,451
Grain sorghums (MT)	3,276	4,342	348,263	489,029	757	853	84,033	99,925
Oats (MT)	3	9	44,533	1,595	0	5	55	1,028
Rye (MT)	3	0	249	24	0	0	3	19
Feed grain products (MT)	288	202	71,254	58,622	85	37	18,338	10,878
Popcorn (MT)	41	52	22,810	27,672	8	11	4,457	5,417
Blended food products (MT)	119	120	34,539	35,761	26	20	7,748	5,808
Other grain products (MT)	296	560	249,086	321,690	47	85	37,394	54,604
Feeds & fodders, excl. oilcake (MT)	5,821	5,836	980,111	1,044,760	969	952	172,875	173,223
Corn by-products (MT)	3,184	2,926	448,576	429,946	517	467	76,485	68,291
Alfalfa meal and cubes (MT)	267	297	43,959	40,979	48	48	8,156	6,580
Beet pulp (MT)	355	440	39,649	53,926	86	59	10,031	7,504
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	357	348	44,530	43,966	72	45	10,492	5,869
Other feeds & fodders (MT)	1,658	1,825	403,397	475,944	246	333	67,712	84,978
Fruits & preparations, excl juice (MT)	1,237	1,471	989,478	1,157,001	186	284	155,764	204,478
Fruits - fresh (MT)	1,008	1,242	706,784	846,855	144	246	105,798	152,279
Fruits - fresh - citrus (MT)	519	639	328,315	390,031	98	175	68,376	96,684
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	303	343	175,136	189,936	69	88	42,545	48,968
Lemons and limes - fresh (MT)	65	69	55,055	62,888	9	10	10,326	7,645
Oranges and tangerines - fresh (MT)	150	226	97,692	136,514	21	76	15,451	39,818
Other citrus - fresh (MT)	0	1	432	693	0	0	53	254

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Fruits - fresh - noncitrus (MT)	489	603	378,469	456,823	46	71	37,423	55,595
Apples, fresh (MT)	245	342	149,756	210,363	27	47	17,303	29,221
Berries, fresh	15	17	28,578	32,524	3	4	5,710	6,930
Cherries, fresh	2	0	2,445	1,235	0	0	341	301
Grapes, fresh (MT)	94	104	99,076	107,494	1	2	1,906	2,159
Melons, fresh (MT)	27	23	17,694	15,201	4	3	2,677	2,442
Peaches, fresh (MT)	5	5	4,867	4,386	1	1	950	588
Pears, fresh (MT)	68	82	38,726	46,634	5	9	2,967	5,376
Plums, fresh (MT)	6	6	6,755	5,346	1	1	641	642
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	25	24	30,572	33,641	4	5	4,929	7,935
Fruits - dried (MT)	132	119	174,322	175,171	21	18	28,204	26,915
Raisins - dried (MT)	69	60	91,526	86,527	11	10	14,287	13,494
Prunes - dried (MT)	55	50	68,273	71,374	10	7	11,840	11,115
Other dried fruits (MT)	7	8	14,523	17,269	1	1	2,078	2,306
Fruits - canned - excl. juice (MT)	47	64	49,303	69,723	9	12	9,559	13,332
Fruits - frozen, excl. juice (MT)	19	11	17,077	15,838	3	2	2,824	3,157
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	31	35	41,991	49,414	8	6	9,379	8,793
Fruit juices, including frozen (HL)	2,901	3,554	156,458	196,225	498	646	27,456	39,134
Apple juice (HL)	323	343	21,348	24,752	80	70	5,289	4,774
Grape juice (HL)	269	365	17,862	22,288	63	72	4,420	4,434
Grapefruit juice (HL)	244	376	15,540	23,960	49	81	3,025	5,519
Orange juice (HL)	1,607	1,784	79,100	91,534	231	313	11,103	18,540
Other fruit juices (HL)	457	685	22,609	33,691	74	111	3,619	5,867
Wine (HL)	464	521	61,710	69,038	80	101	10,155	12,437
Nuts and preparations (MT)	310	352	567,479	685,388	40	36	73,415	77,536
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	112	108	306,189	344,270	17	14	48,481	42,994
Filberts, hazelnuts (MT)	4	5	7,369	9,061	0	0	230	436
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	121	148	85,185	112,775	19	16	11,143	13,716
Walnuts, shelled or unshelled (MT)	6	9	23,145	39,545	1	2	4,064	7,463
Pistachio nuts (MT)	52	62	105,083	126,797	1	2	2,971	4,980
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	6	7	19,023	24,411	1	2	3,396	5,688
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	9	12	21,484	28,529	1	1	3,129	2,260
Vegetables and preparations (MT)	--	--	1,316,776	1,420,610	--	--	224,097	261,539
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	688	745	389,927	419,252	127	151	77,406	96,298
Asparagus, fresh (MT)	7	8	21,995	26,604	4	5	11,569	15,683
Broccoli, fresh (MT)	44	52	29,044	31,227	7	10	5,448	5,447
Carrots, fresh (MT)	26	26	10,541	11,152	10	10	3,406	3,460
Cabbage, fresh (MT)	15	17	5,561	6,218	5	5	1,568	1,655
Celery, fresh (MT)	59	66	21,501	19,721	13	13	3,381	4,035
Cauliflower, fresh (MT)	30	41	22,699	27,465	5	8	4,293	4,930
Corn, sweet, fresh (MT)	5	6	2,408	3,263	1	1	699	704
Cucumbers, fresh (MT)	18	18	7,555	8,233	2	3	1,155	1,569
Garlic, fresh (MT)	4	4	6,410	6,131	0	0	489	439
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	164	170	74,468	70,988	29	30	11,275	12,281
Mushrooms, fresh (MT)	4	3	14,360	9,843	1	1	1,276	1,296
Onions, fresh (MT)	97	84	30,740	27,631	9	7	3,426	3,793
Peppers, fresh (MT)	38	49	22,662	25,570	7	14	4,197	6,237
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	35	46	14,594	14,408	10	14	3,990	4,063
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	69	71	49,093	67,485	11	15	11,069	19,184
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	72	81	56,297	63,314	13	15	10,167	11,524
Vegetables - frozen (MT)	148	168	121,139	133,836	28	31	22,745	24,851
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	29	33	24,384	25,739	5	7	4,035	5,291
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	83	97	62,437	69,894	16	17	12,040	12,476
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	36	38	34,318	38,203	8	7	6,670	7,084
Vegetables - canned (MT)	126	131	114,509	111,231	21	24	18,487	19,679
Pulses (MT)	427	316	224,559	138,391	44	33	22,844	15,272
Dried beans (MT)	357	247	191,374	112,633	33	24	16,792	11,504
Dried peas (MT)	43	51	18,670	16,119	5	5	2,275	1,830
Dried lentils (MT)	27	19	14,515	9,640	6	4	3,777	1,938
Hops, including hop extract (MT)	4	7	37,253	59,671	1	1	5,828	9,644
Other veg - prep or pres (NA)	--	--	429,388	558,229	--	--	76,788	95,793
Oilseeds and products (MT)	12,650	17,431	3,174,932	4,283,500	2,396	2,384	590,308	590,299
Oilcake and meal (MT)	2,787	3,610	564,247	768,655	509	480	100,642	97,553
Corn oilcake and meal (MT)	139	285	16,751	38,185	38	51	4,973	6,893
Soybean meal (MT)	2,596	3,229	539,812	718,092	459	404	94,020	87,262
Other oilcakes and meals (MT)	51	96	7,685	12,379	12	24	1,649	3,398
Oilseeds (MT)	9,427	13,055	2,286,021	3,053,393	1,824	1,774	436,980	415,843
Rapeseed (MT)	5	14	1,522	3,763	0	1	129	160
Safflower seed (MT)	29	16	8,652	4,583	0	0	8	23
Soybeans (MT)	9,196	12,606	2,115,955	2,804,980	1,790	1,722	409,120	387,696
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	59	67	33,949	32,261	9	6	5,679	4,266
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	33	49	22,727	30,248	4	4	3,018	3,019
Other oilseeds (MT)	56	215	21,848	50,819	12	34	4,661	6,948
Protein substances (MT)	49	88	81,368	126,740	8	8	14,366	13,730
Vegetable oils (MT)	436	765	324,664	461,451	63	131	52,686	76,903
Soybean oil (MT)	97	355	64,272	165,881	15	61	10,323	28,864
Cottonseed oil (MT)	47	89	24,413	40,645	9	9	4,533	3,884
Sunflower oil (MT)	90	51	47,893	25,729	4	7	2,763	2,504
Corn oil (MT)	113	127	76,884	89,036	14	21	9,246	14,531
Peanut oil (MT)	8	32	7,413	21,290	6	11	5,601	6,254
Rapeseed oil (MT)	3	5	2,004	2,725	0	2	42	1,017
Safflower oil (MT)	9	13	9,648	11,104	2	1	2,036	980
Other veg oils and waxes (MT)	70	94	92,137	105,041	13	18	18,141	18,869
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	136	131	824,772	815,229	25	27	129,359	193,056
Tobacco, burley (MT)	16	25	109,712	174,588	5	10	36,870	76,861
Tobacco, flue cured (MT)	88	83	592,504	553,369	10	14	68,425	98,551
Other unmanufactured tobacco (MT)	32	24	122,557	87,272	10	3	24,064	17,644

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Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	1,084	892	1,800,587	1,354,988	243	182	386,509	262,219
Cotton linters (MT)	17	15	7,112	5,316	3	3	1,093	952
Essential oils (MT)	6	7	96,846	95,303	1	1	15,455	16,171
Seeds - field and garden (MT)	268	413	406,029	441,039	38	52	67,877	51,459
Sugar and tropical products (NA)	--	--	480,387	486,874	--	--	70,304	82,578
Sugar and related products (NA)	--	--	249,527	200,786	--	--	36,121	35,045
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	292	222	113,453	73,338	44	47	18,139	15,204
Related sugar products (NA)	--	--	136,075	127,448	--	--	17,982	19,841
Coffee (MT)	8	12	47,640	56,828	1	2	9,088	10,378
Cocoa (MT)	11	11	26,468	25,296	1	2	2,479	4,305
Chocolate and preparations (MT)	27	38	95,122	128,531	3	6	11,450	18,221
Tea & mate <sup>1</sup> (MT)	5	8	23,376	36,830	1	2	5,420	7,165
Spices (MT)	8	8	19,424	20,640	1	2	3,040	4,089
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	10	8	17,130	14,659	1	1	2,424	2,622
Fibers, excluding cotton (MT)	2	6	1,699	3,303	0	1	281	751
Other misc. veg. products (MT)	17	17	147,434	166,402	3	3	18,728	22,966
Nursery and greenhouse products (NA)	--	--	106,582	113,253	--	--	26,228	26,004
Beverages, excluding juices (NA)	--	--	240,656	305,863	--	--	49,742	49,434
Selected non-agricultural exports (NA)	--	--	7,575,344	6,591,312	--	--	1,268,158	1,314,452
Fertilizers (NA)	--	--	1,440,099	1,384,031	--	--	201,929	206,510
Nitrogen (NA)	--	--	1,426,337	1,368,156	--	--	199,050	204,233
Phosphate (NA)	--	--	13,762	15,875	--	--	2,879	2,276
Fish and shellfish (MT)	371	522	1,338,110	1,529,285	90	121	299,624	428,623
Fish, fresh or prepared (MT)	265	247	768,987	870,215	64	77	179,272	284,238
Shellfish (MT)	89	106	505,950	586,470	23	26	113,185	124,655
Other fish products (MT)	16	169	63,173	72,600	2	18	7,167	19,731
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	114	114	661,228	665,299	25	34	122,349	157,200
Fungicides (MT)	12	14	104,203	109,851	2	3	18,713	22,005
Herbicides (MT)	37	41	254,217	248,733	12	20	50,977	80,363
Insecticides (MT)	29	29	117,314	140,078	5	7	22,344	33,270
Other pesticides (MT)	36	30	185,494	166,638	6	4	30,315	21,562
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	913,303	1,022,083	--	--	176,844	210,213
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	12	13	281,833	345,197	3	3	54,334	74,404
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	--	--	631,470	676,886	--	--	122,511	135,808
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	3,222,605	1,990,614	--	--	467,412	311,906

Preliminary data. NA = Not available. Zeros in quantity columns represent none or less than 500 units.

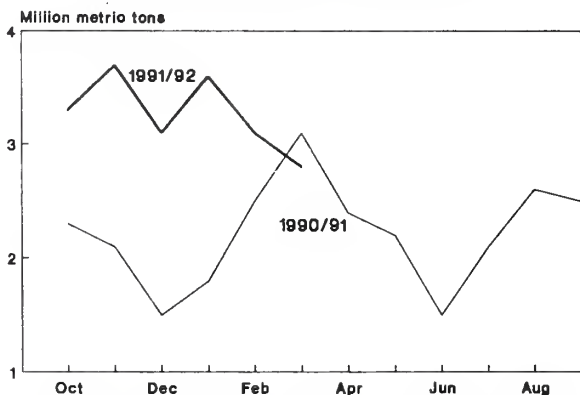
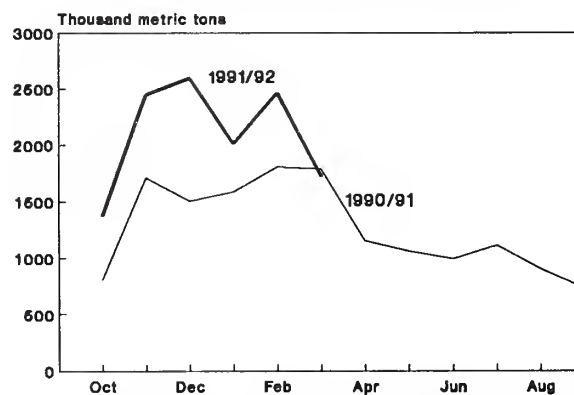
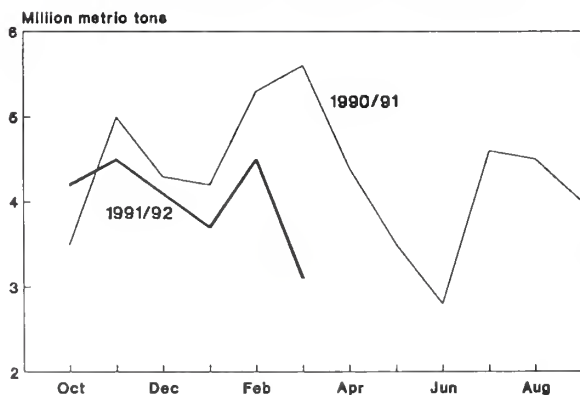
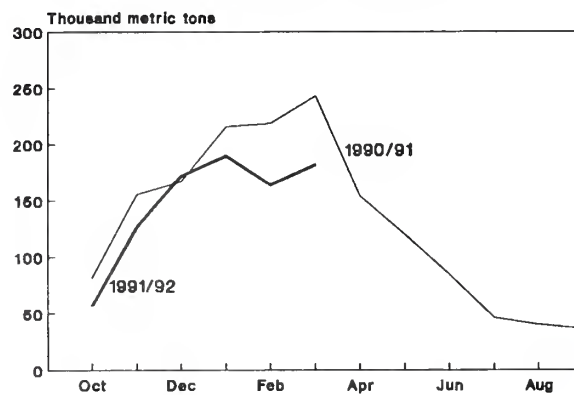
**U.S. wheat exports****U.S. soybean exports****U.S. coarse grain exports****U.S. cotton exports**

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity and unit	October-March				March			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1990/91	1991/92	1990/91	1991/92	1991	1992	1991	1992
Total agricultural imports (NA)	--	--	11,395,502	11,884,821	--	--	1,962,104	2,131,621
Noncompetitive ag imports (NA)	--	--	2,788,134	3,070,513	--	--	471,470	554,076
Bananas and plantains (MT)	1,636	1,780	471,294	526,502	284	349	83,086	111,579
Coffee, incl products (MT)	616	704	1,010,210	1,026,863	98	131	171,637	181,237
Cocoa and products (MT)	331	430	512,522	640,241	51	62	79,297	94,484
Tea (MT)	46	57	71,769	80,195	9	13	13,676	17,624
Spices (MT)	56	68	129,202	142,873	8	9	17,806	24,430
Rubber & allied gums, crude (MT)	403	461	338,266	372,138	71	86	60,004	68,640
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	2,624	3,058	0	0	480	773
Wool, unmanufactured- carpet (MT)	5	6	11,647	12,908	1	1	2,035	2,344
Fibers, excl cotton (MT)	43	43	20,842	21,371	8	9	3,875	4,031
Essential or distilled oils (MT)	9	17	78,425	91,936	2	5	12,584	19,884
Drugs - crude, natural (MT)	23	27	141,333	152,429	3	4	26,990	29,049
Competitive ag imports (NA)	--	--	8,607,369	8,814,308	--	--	1,490,634	1,577,545
Animals and products (NA)	--	--	2,787,642	2,725,672	--	--	444,562	477,972
Animals-live, excl poultry (NO)	1,759	1,505	649,643	673,876	290	277	105,267	131,572
Cattle and calves (NO)	1,289	1,122	568,466	597,879	200	228	93,935	123,340
Horses and mules (NO)	6	7	31,790	41,407	1	1	2,027	3,867
Swine (NO)	451	362	48,452	33,647	87	45	9,122	4,196
Sheep (NO)	12	15	842	915	3	2	182	171
Meat & products, ex poultry (MT)	566	534	1,432,901	1,289,346	93	96	238,706	226,701
Beef and veal (MT)	379	373	931,712	915,296	62	68	154,031	163,707
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	348	337	822,646	797,383	55	63	130,680	147,511
Beef & veal, prep or pres (MT)	31	35	109,066	117,914	6	5	23,352	16,196
Pork (MT)	159	133	439,091	313,129	27	22	75,038	51,485
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	108	96	243,604	182,312	18	17	39,879	31,893
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	51	37	195,487	130,817	9	5	35,159	19,592
Mutton, goat, and lamb (MT)	11	11	21,255	20,901	1	3	3,112	4,775
Mutton goat & lamb-fr/froz (MT)	11	11	21,255	20,901	1	3	3,112	4,775
Variety meats, fresh/froz (MT)	8	10	13,444	15,382	1	2	2,114	2,856
Other meat, fresh or froz (MT)	1	1	4,972	6,876	0	0	642	557
Meat & prods, prep/pres nes(MT)	8	6	22,387	17,762	1	1	3,769	3,320
Poultry and products (NA)	--	--	53,105	70,374	--	--	7,637	10,198
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	7,087	7,747	--	--	1,087	1,070
Poultry meat (MT)	2	2	8,453	9,233	0	0	988	1,180
Eggs, whole or products (NA)	--	--	7,726	10,164	--	--	900	1,605
Feathers and downs - crude (MT)	6	9	29,839	43,230	1	1	4,661	6,344
Dairy products (NA)	--	--	362,119	368,960	--	--	52,877	54,105
Milk & cream, fr or dried (MT)	8	4	6,611	4,008	2	1	2,148	1,158
Butter & butterfat mixt's (MT)	1	1	2,369	1,113	0	0	127	207
Cheese (MT)	60	65	202,995	211,411	8	9	26,035	30,193
Casein and mixtures (MT)	36	40	133,962	142,028	6	5	21,598	19,751
Other dairy products (NA)	--	--	16,182	10,401	--	--	2,969	2,796
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	13	22	8,706	12,121	2	4	1,180	2,302
Hides and skins (NA)	--	--	67,249	95,402	--	--	10,508	16,367
Sheep and lamb skins (MT)	2	2	10,203	9,232	0	1	1,841	1,907
Other hides and skins (NA)	--	--	29,969	55,430	--	--	5,219	7,824
Furskins (NA)	--	--	27,076	30,740	--	--	3,448	6,636
Wool, unmfng, apparel grades (MT)	21	23	87,501	73,646	2	3	8,813	11,086
Sausage casings (MT)	7	7	25,126	26,067	1	1	4,627	4,802
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	1,251	1,952	--	--	240	436
Misc animal products nes (NA)	--	--	100,042	113,928	--	--	14,707	20,402
Grains and feeds (MT)	2,019	2,619	637,357	728,144	355	478	102,036	126,777
Wheat, excluding seed (MT)	356	434	42,350	52,726	36	83	4,631	10,770
Corn, unmilled (MT)	24	286	2,665	28,485	1	42	140	4,225
Oats, unmilled (MT)	556	630	46,771	54,283	79	114	6,956	10,138
Barley, unmilled (MT)	165	258	19,474	25,048	49	55	5,612	5,391
Rice (MT)	76	82	36,134	39,603	13	15	6,186	7,469
Biscuits, wafers, cookies (MT)	78	81	180,508	192,908	11	13	23,507	28,396
Pasta and noodles (MT)	72	77	71,701	78,636	12	15	12,131	14,973
Other grains and preps (NA)	--	--	100,126	121,871	--	--	19,579	21,602
Feeds & fodders ex oilcake (MT)	483	571	137,630	134,582	97	103	23,294	23,813
Fruits & preps excl juices (MT)	1,061	1,156	644,883	745,119	294	281	166,622	177,641
Fruits - fresh or frozen (MT)	821	844	438,212	459,647	255	219	131,852	122,281
Apples, fresh (MT)	51	54	16,726	19,674	13	10	5,074	5,724
Avocados (MT)	10	16	14,074	15,871	0	0	5	122
Berries, exc strawberries (MT)	23	25	21,209	24,746	1	1	2,147	1,734
Citrus, fresh (MT)	79	83	30,797	31,450	14	10	7,622	2,465
Grapes, fresh (MT)	218	220	155,384	154,027	87	81	57,806	53,347
Kiwi fruit, fresh (MT)	3	1	3,628	1,377	0	0	12	0
Mangoes (MT)	7	10	7,638	12,984	6	6	5,609	8,986
Melons (MT)	244	229	72,233	75,396	86	61	24,697	21,083
Peaches (MT)	49	54	32,374	33,749	9	7	5,857	4,016
Pears (MT)	24	33	13,060	17,512	13	17	5,576	7,098
Pineapples, fresh or froz (MT)	53	62	20,058	22,615	12	13	3,754	4,836
Plums (MT)	21	21	13,430	12,846	3	4	2,228	2,340
Strawberries fres o/froz (MT)	23	18	27,116	19,146	8	7	9,725	6,981
Other fruits fresh o/froz (MT)	16	18	10,484	18,254	3	3	1,740	3,548
Fruits - prepared or pres (MT)	241	312	206,671	285,472	39	62	34,770	55,360
Pineapples, cannd or prep (MT)	136	176	86,420	117,879	21	38	13,117	25,401
Other fruits prep or pres (MT)	105	136	120,251	167,594	18	24	21,653	29,959
Fruit juices, fresh or froz (HL)	14,114	13,859	354,129	465,835	2,100	2,135	51,281	73,795
Apple juice (HL)	4,750	4,113	104,566	158,019	629	299	16,321	13,001
Grape juice (HL)	541	453	12,531	15,387	56	68	1,255	2,627
Grapefruit juice (HL)	73	118	1,950	3,024	0	34	12	1,115
Lemon juice (HL)	190	202	5,906	4,156	30	61	828	1,168
Lime juice (HL)	85	67	1,568	2,005	1	3	80	162
Orange juice (HL)	6,224	6,521	160,932	197,098	1,083	1,114	22,625	34,221
Pineapple juice (HL)	1,934	1,934	47,448	51,339	233	395	6,544	10,612
Other fruit juice (HL)	317	451	19,229	34,807	67	161	3,615	10,889

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Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity -- continued

Commodity and unit	October-March				March			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1990/91	1991/92	1990/91	1991/92	1991	1992	1991	1992
Nuts and preparations (MT)	91	81	245,759	222,316	10	11	24,567	26,839
Brazil nuts (MT)	4	2	7,900	4,631	0	0	601	463
Cashew nuts (MT)	29	25	131,026	122,657	3	3	13,193	15,281
Chestnuts, crude (MT)	3	4	8,842	10,342	0	0	91	32
Coconut meat (MT)	26	23	21,743	20,630	4	4	2,910	4,311
Filberts, hazelnuts (MT)	3	2	9,511	4,942	1	0	1,507	621
Macademia nuts (MT)	2	1	15,378	4,840	0	0	253	147
Pecans (MT)	14	11	37,582	33,899	1	1	3,328	2,507
Pistachio nuts (MT)	1	0	1,622	413	0	0	465	35
Other nuts (MT)	10	12	12,156	19,961	2	2	2,220	3,441
Vegetables and preps (NA)	--	--	1,169,764	1,145,163	--	--	241,927	220,155
Vegetables - fr or froz (MT)	1,157	997	638,975	579,706	277	201	157,808	116,603
Tomatoes (MT)	225	125	134,905	71,924	68	21	55,964	16,325
Asparagus, fresh or frozen (MT)	20	21	28,094	28,981	6	6	8,339	7,178
Beans, fresh or frozen (MT)	12	11	11,040	11,200	2	2	1,857	1,697
Cabbage (MT)	10	16	2,434	3,673	2	2	281	287
Carrots, fresh or frozen (MT)	37	49	11,332	13,947	4	4	1,482	1,585
Cauliflower & broccoli (MT)	94	116	58,905	76,439	18	22	10,867	13,726
Celery, fresh (MT)	10	7	3,169	1,711	4	3	981	681
Cucumbers, fresh (MT)	144	135	61,082	49,751	23	25	11,807	9,635
Eggplant, fresh (MT)	16	13	9,835	8,971	4	2	2,732	1,691
Endive, fresh (MT)	1	2	3,233	4,663	0	0	799	1,027
Garlic, fresh (MT)	6	4	7,237	4,261	2	2	2,864	2,152
Lettuce (MT)	8	6	4,075	3,137	1	1	321	414
Okra, fresh or frozen (MT)	5	5	2,978	2,701	1	2	884	908
Onions, fresh (MT)	115	111	59,254	56,761	56	38	13,846	14,031
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	22	22	23,903	20,262	4	4	4,546	4,688
Peppers, fresh (MT)	88	79	70,285	76,515	17	13	13,216	13,599
Potatoes, fresh or frozen (MT)	185	97	43,350	31,656	41	21	8,464	6,695
Radishes, fresh (MT)	9	10	4,986	5,203	2	2	954	1,192
Squash, fresh (MT)	59	68	37,950	38,224	10	13	7,877	7,072
Other vegg - fr or froz (MT)	89	102	60,929	69,723	15	19	9,726	12,020
Vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	--	--	530,789	565,457	--	--	84,119	103,552
Bamboo shoots, preserved (MT)	14	21	13,439	21,255	1	1	1,050	1,128
Bean cake, miso (MT)	4	4	6,075	6,623	1	1	984	1,126
Cucumbers, preserved (MT)	4	4	3,242	3,373	1	0	460	455
Garlic, dried (MT)	3	2	4,506	1,956	0	0	125	434
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	34	34	69,196	69,018	4	7	8,500	14,357
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	23	26	56,647	62,281	4	4	9,961	9,196
Mushrooms, dried (MT)	1	1	10,772	9,579	0	0	1,482	1,792
Onions, preserved (MT)	3	1	3,003	2,084	0	0	311	610
Hops, incl extract (MT)	8	7	30,708	30,429	2	2	8,307	8,540
Artichokes - prep (MT)	9	7	15,823	10,838	0	1	383	1,860
Asparagus - prep (MT)	0	1	636	1,176	0	0	68	136
Tomatoes, incl paste & sauce (	44	29	37,081	26,140	8	5	7,337	4,923
Waterchestnuts (MT)	16	16	12,570	12,224	3	3	2,444	2,490
Beans and peas, dried (MT)	25	23	14,666	14,385	4	5	2,421	2,789
Mustard, prepared (MT)	3	4	4,999	5,296	1	1	933	760
Peppers & pimentos, prep (MT)	7	6	9,747	8,821	1	1	1,040	1,357
Soy sauce (MT)	12	14	10,188	12,159	2	2	1,388	2,072
Starches, excl wheat & corn (M	28	29	11,193	11,472	8	3	2,709	1,291
Soups and sauces (MT)	25	27	50,276	55,360	3	5	6,958	10,345
Vinegar (HL)	55	66	7,134	9,146	10	11	994	1,570
Yeasts (MT)	12	13	15,240	16,177	2	2	2,053	2,868
Other vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	--	--	143,648	175,666	--	--	24,210	33,453
Sugar and related products (NA)	--	--	531,736	460,812	--	--	87,537	77,129
Sugar - cane and beet (MT)	830	595	338,518	230,561	154	104	56,435	36,283
Molasses (HL)	4,749	4,466	42,334	39,047	828	889	5,401	8,195
Confectionery products (MT)	47	57	93,143	118,982	8	9	15,910	19,646
Other sugar & related prods (MT)	136	158	57,741	72,221	23	31	9,791	13,005
Spices (MT)	7	10	11,742	21,690	1	2	2,120	4,007
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	95	109	305,052	358,842	18	19	58,473	53,505
Tobacco - filler (MT)	85	95	296,167	345,874	16	15	57,124	51,113
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	9	13	4,143	6,596	1	3	660	1,668
Other unmgf tobacco (MT)	1	1	4,742	6,372	0	0	689	723
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	6,139	6,062	945,285	921,476	998	1,079	141,829	156,263
Wine (HL)	1,266	1,224	507,537	500,254	168	199	65,952	79,472
Malt beverages, beer (HL)	4,484	4,173	408,096	370,761	764	757	70,765	66,310
Other beverages (HL)	389	665	29,652	50,462	66	123	5,112	10,481
Oilseeds and products (MT)	1,063	1,136	484,892	519,221	196	207	86,001	98,154
Oilseeds and oilnuts (MT)	236	194	78,288	64,078	43	37	13,612	12,014
Flaxseed (MT)	104	51	23,448	7,758	19	10	4,260	1,436
Mustard seeds (MT)	31	22	9,761	6,590	6	5	1,745	1,279
Rapeseed (MT)	17	0	3,744	190	0	0	44	54
Sesameseed (MT)	18	21	21,707	24,371	3	3	3,566	4,070
Soybeans (MT)	38	56	8,938	12,084	9	9	1,972	2,178
Sunflower seeds (MT)	22	34	5,790	7,284	4	8	1,019	1,644
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	6	9	4,900	5,801	2	3	1,006	1,353
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	657	596	382,406	409,258	122	109	67,825	77,691
Castor oil (MT)	18	18	15,996	12,680	2	0	2,277	56
Coconut oil (MT)	253	174	76,587	82,965	53	34	16,603	20,401
Cottonseed oil (MT)	2	0	737	37	0	0	0	0
Olive oil (MT)	49	49	107,994	114,310	6	9	14,257	19,865
Palm oil (MT)	72	46	21,889	15,532	8	5	3,001	1,718
Palm kernel oil (MT)	82	74	30,327	33,343	18	11	7,213	5,709
Peanut oil (MT)	2	0	1,548	239	0	0	26	17
Rapeseed oil (MT)	131	188	67,443	87,195	27	44	13,809	19,540
Soybean oil (MT)	6	0	2,586	34	0	0	1	8
Sesame oil (MT)	2	3	7,399	9,207	0	1	1,326	1,584
Other vegetable oils (MT)	41	44	49,901	53,718	8	5	9,311	8,793

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Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity -- continued

Commodity and unit	October-March				March			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1990/91	1991/92	1990/91	1991/92	1991	1992	1991	1992
Oilcake & meal (MT)	170	347	24,197	45,884	32	61	4,564	8,449
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	0	1	155	443	0	0	29	0
Cotton linters (MT)	6	5	6,171	4,797	1	1	1,013	677
Seeds, field and garden (MT)	102	96	91,130	104,953	39	36	22,643	30,299
Cut flowers (NA)	--	--	170,576	170,631	--	--	27,121	25,162
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	--	--	126,872	130,416	--	--	18,487	13,621
Other vegetable products (MT)	24	17	94,224	88,780	4	3	14,386	15,548
Selected non-ag imports (NA)	--	--	5,069,434	4,892,147	--	--	864,140	908,166
Fertilizers (MT)	9,182	10,337	826,225	774,004	1,559	2,250	144,319	169,791
Potassium (MT)	3,772	4,469	295,376	304,280	668	855	54,851	71,803
Nitrogen (MT)	2,789	2,875	340,420	323,142	439	681	53,592	70,975
Phosphate (MT)	2,614	2,991	189,143	145,750	452	714	35,696	26,759
Fish and shellfish (MT)	649	642	2,623,600	2,594,866	106	105	423,026	420,847
Fish, fresh or prepared (MT)	455	442	1,325,252	1,204,640	75	75	221,131	201,544
Shellfish (MT)	161	179	1,276,355	1,369,660	25	28	198,306	216,776
Fish products, other (MT)	33	20	21,993	20,566	6	2	3,589	2,526
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	45	50	275,366	340,061	10	10	60,519	79,165
Fungicides (MT)	10	11	28,973	36,921	2	3	5,327	9,637
Herbicides (MT)	12	16	80,351	110,288	2	3	12,335	23,901
Insecticides (MT)	2	3	18,666	24,042	1	1	6,176	6,212
Other pesticides (MT)	21	20	147,376	168,811	5	4	36,681	39,415
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	1,293,546	1,051,494	--	--	225,888	224,327
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	745	722	685,925	514,079	113	98	121,551	106,812
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	--	--	607,622	537,415	--	--	104,337	117,514
Tobacco - manufactures (NA)	--	--	50,697	131,722	--	--	10,387	14,037

Table 3--U.S. agricultural trade summary (\$ Million)

Item	Jan	Feb	Mar	Year to date	Chg. fm. prev. yr.
					Percent
Agricultural exports	3,668	3,859	3,739	22,593	12.4
Imports (c.i.f.)	2,238	2,080	2,328	12,739	4.0
Imports (Customs val.)	2,051	1,938	2,132	11,885	4.3
Trade Balance:					
Exports minus cif imports	1,430	1,778	1,412	9,854	25.6
Exports minus Customs valued imports	1,618	1,921	1,608	10,708	23.1
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Table 5--U.S. agricultural exports (\$ Million)

Commodity group	Jan	Feb	Mar	Year to date	Change from prev. year
					Percent
Total	3,668	3,859	3,739	22,593	12.4
Live animals	57	47	48	409	15.0
Meat & preps	325	342	345	2,040	14.9
Dairy prod & eggs	47	70	72	367	104.5
Animal fats	45	29	45	238	23.4
Hides & skins	126	114	125	666	-14.0
Wheat	428	397	363	2,306	65.3
Rice	43	47	71	399	-4.3
Corn	284	390	374	2,225	-13.4
Other feed grains	123	129	105	609	36.7
Animal feeds	330	313	271	1,813	17.4
Soybeans	442	548	388	2,805	32.6
Vegetable oils	80	98	77	461	42.1
Horticult. prods.	634	684	696	4,275	14.4
Cotton & linters	291	241	263	1,360	-24.7
Tobacco, unmg.	125	122	193	815	-1.2

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Table 4--Share of U.S. Production Exported

Fiscal Year	Total Agriculture	Bulk Products	HVP
			Percent
1980	21	40	7.3
1981	22	42	8.5
1982	20	37	7.7
1983	18	33	7.6
1984	19	44	6.7
1985	16	31	6.9
1986	14	27	7.5
1987	14	33	7.4
1988	17	38	8.4
1989	18	44	8.4
1990	17	37	8.6
1991	16	32	9.2

Table 6--U.S. agricultural imports (\$ Million, Customs value)

Commodity group	Jan	Feb	Mar	Year to date	Change from prev. year
					Percent
Total	2,051	1,938	2,132	11,885	4.3
Live animals	98	113	133	682	3.8
Meat & preps.	243	205	228	1,299	-9.9
Dairy prod, eggs	48	51	56	379	2.5
Grains & feeds	105	111	127	728	14.2
Fruits & nuts	310	297	361	1,726	11.9
Vegetables	212	210	220	1,145	-2.1
Vegetable oils	66	63	78	409	7.0
Wine	53	51	79	500	-1.4
Malt beverages	53	56	66	371	-9.1
Coffee	204	173	181	1,027	1.6
Cocoa	128	95	94	640	24.9
Rubber, natural	63	60	69	372	10.0
Sugar-cane & beet	55	51	36	231	-31.9
Tobacco, unmg.	63	80	54	359	17.6
Seeds, flowers	66	76	69	406	4.5

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